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Innisfil artists Lisa Rankin, left, and Marcia Godbout pose with some of their favourite works at Lisa's Palette, a gallery and studio in Lefroy where they displayed their art during the 22nd annual Innisfil Studio Tour on Saturday and Sunday. For the full story, see Page A8.

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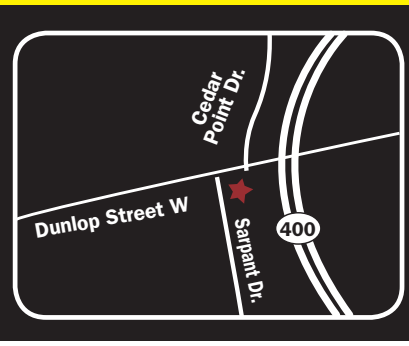

ALL OUT CLEAROUT

Police services board budget in the works

MIRIAM KING
QMI Agency

INNISFIL — The Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board is working to finalize its budget.

During a public meeting on Monday, board members presented the 2015 draft operating and capital budgets for South Simcoe Police and explained why costs are going up.

Residents heard the police service has continued to find efficiencies, but there are some big ticket items and some unavoidable expenditures facing the force.

The operating budget stood at $15.7 million in 2014, split between Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil and based on assessment, the number of households in each municipalitieand population.

The draft 2015 budget presented on Monday totalled $15.9 million, up by approximately $198,000 or 1.26%, in part due to salaries and benefits for uniform patrol officers — which are up by $453,831 as senior officers retire and are replaced by more junior patrol officers — offsetting other operational savings.

As part of the negotiated contract with the South Simcoe Police Association, the board intends to buy out banked time — which would otherwise pose an unfunded liability in the future — at a cost of $125,000 per year over the next three years. With the buy-out, the overall operating budget comes to just over $16 million, a 2.06% increase over 2014.

Board members pointed out the increase is more than offset by the projected growth in assessment in both municipalities, and with that growth estimated at 3%, the tax levy actually decreases by 0.94%.

"We have a lot to juggle," said board chairwoman Sharon Villani, adding the board has been trying to find the efficiencies that were promised when Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury opted to stay with South Simcoe Police, rather than switch to Ontario Provincial Police. But the budget also needs to address ongoing needs as the population continues to grow in South Simcoe and as more officers near retirement.

Forty percent of the members of the service will be eligible for retirement in 2020, just six years away.

"We haven't compensated for that in this budget but as we move forward, we'll have to look at it," Villani said.

Other increases included in the budget are security enhancements at the Bradford Courthouse and acquisition of the NICHE communications and information system. It will improve multi-jurisdictional access to information and police records, provide GIS mapping for police cruisers, and improve access to the sex offender registry, starting in April 2015.

"We're part of a larger policing environment," said Chief Rick Beazley, noting that despite the upfront costs of $240,000 for the NICHE system in the capital budget and annual fees of $137,000, the system not only offers improved policing but also savings, with 24/7 IT support and free training included in the cost.

Beazley pointed out that the South Simcoe Police Service recorded a surplus — after years of deficit — in both 2012 and 2013. An organizational review came up with 24 cost-cutting recommendations, some of which will be implemented immediately, he added.

Beazley said the $353,000 purchase of vehicles and phasing out of lease agreements, while incurring an initial capital cost, will also provide savings, especially since the force has been paying upwards of 11% and more on leasing costs. The costs will be partially covered by $413,793 taken from reserves.

Other costs included in the proposed budget are: $20,000 to replace shotguns in patrol cars with newer carbines, $4,400 to replace old tactical shields, $7,800 for new roadside screening devices, $15,000 for automatic licence plate readers (which will provide patrols with more rapid identification of vehicles with expired plates and outstanding charges), $24,000 for new mobile work stations in the cruisers and $90,000 to upgrade to the next level of 911 service, which will allow the receiving of text messages.

"Some of these things, like the court security, we have no choice," said board vice-chairman Rod Hicks.

The capital budget for 2015 totals $810,000.

Villani pointed out that the draft budget represents an "ask" by the board and that there is a need for further discussion with the chief financial officers of both Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury to look at issues that include funding sources and development charges.

The goal is to finalize the budgets for adoption at the Nov. 17 police services board meeting.

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Police Briefs

Mischief to Property

BRADFORD - A 37-year-old Bradford man was charged after forcing open the door of a home.

South Simcoe Police were called to a home early Saturday morning regarding a possible break an enter after residents found an unwanted guest in their front foyer.

Police say the man had too much to drink and forced open the door, breaking the door jamb. He was at the wrong address.

He was charged with mischief under $5,000 and held in custody until he sobered up. He now has a future court date.

Senior loses licence

ALCONA – An Innisfil senior lost his driver's licence for three days after he was stopped by police Tuesday night.

South Simcoe police on patrol stopped a car on Innisfil Beach Road just after 10 p.m.

When an officer spoke to the driver, alcohol was smelled on his breath. A roadside screening test registered a 'warn'.

A 66-year-old man won't be driving for three days.

This year's holiday RIDE campaign begins Nov. 20.

Scam attempt

South Simcoe police are warning people to be careful when dealing with strangers on the telephone, after an Innisfil woman reported a scam attempt.

She received a pop-up number on her computer, telling her she had a virus, with a contact number displayed.

When she called the number, the man who answered tried to demand money from her and personal information, to fix the problem.

Police say this scam is common. Those locked out of their computers should take them to a reputable repair store.

Never call the number on your screen, police say, and never give out personal information on the telephone.

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Point of View

No secrets for long in social media world

The scandal surrounding the firing of CBC radio personality Jian Ghomeshi raises many new questions about the way we communicate.

Frankly, there are more questions than answers.

One of the first is, why should anyone care about someone's bedroom preferences?

But the questions and, indeed answers, are likely to be more complex.

Ghomeshi reportedly informed his higher-ups at CBC that he had a penchant for rough sex, but that it was always a consensual scenario. He also is said to have told his bosses that a jilted lover was drumming up allegations against him and he wanted to get ahead of the traffic by coming clean.

Initially, the CBC stood by him until a series of events sent the former Moxy Fruvous band member into a spiral toward unemployment and ridicule.

CBC said Ghomeshi provided them with evidence, intended to prove the sex was consensual, but some senior management decided — consensual or not — what they saw was harm to another person and fired him.

Ghomeshi took to Facebook to explain about his sexual appetite, but maintained his innocence and promised to meet every allegation head-on. He also slapped the CBC with a $50-plus million lawsuit.

Since then, as many as nine women have come forward, saying what happened between them and Ghomeshi was not consensual. At least three have complained to police, something that had not happened until the social media storm.

So, a high-profile name, the host of the radio show *Q*, went years without anyone raising concerns or questions. It takes a few Facebook posts and tweets and the whole world knows about it.

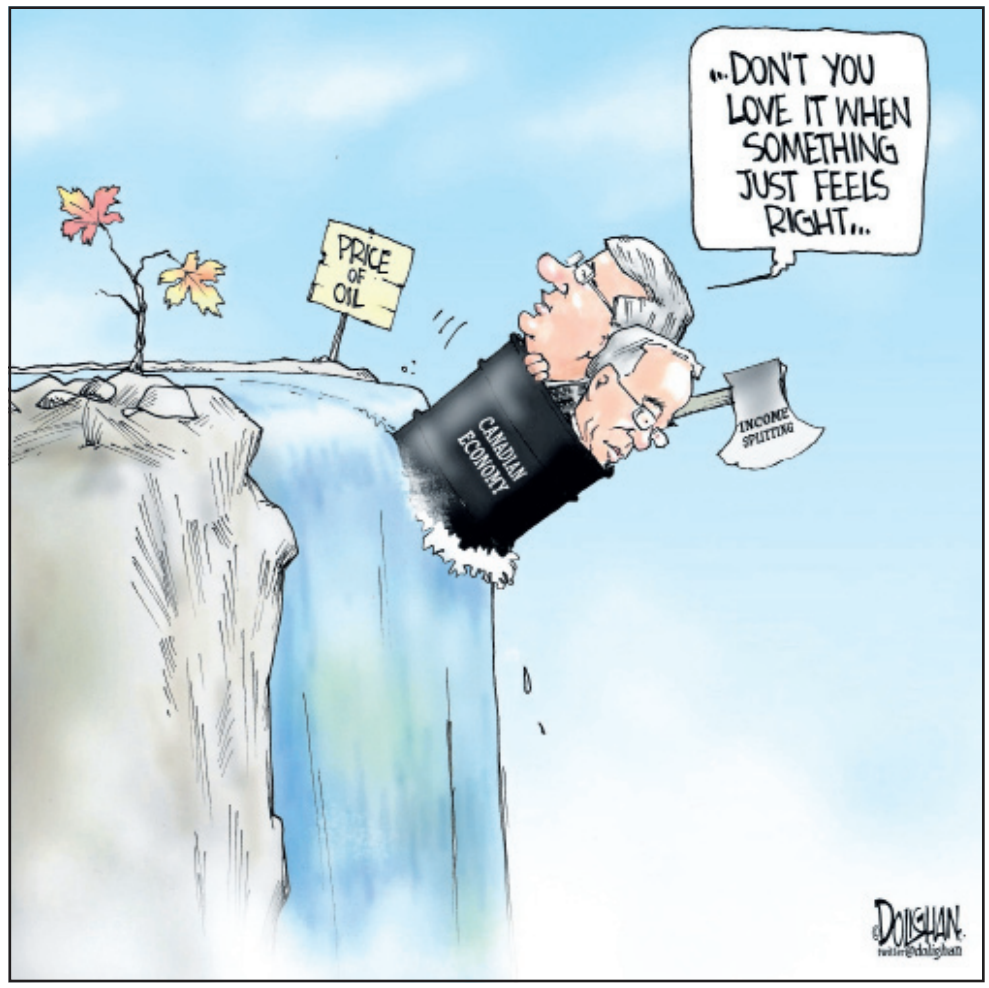
Any financial ramifications for the CBC will, naturally be borne by the taxpayer.

The "nobody's business" argument only applies if no laws were broken.

His celebrity status was bound to draw more attention and by suing a taxpayer-funded institution, in some respects, the matter becomes everybody's business.

Time will tell and perhaps the full truth might one day be known, but the lesson here is that social media has changed the way and speed with which we communicate all things and it doesn't look to be slowing down anytime soon.

— Fred Rinne



Letters to the Editor

Highway traffic act changes

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation is currently revising the Highway Traffic Act, and in particular changing rules in regard to bicycles.

The ministry proposes to require motorists to allow a minimum of a one-metre space to bicycles. It should also add a rule to make bicycles stay one metre or less from the edge of paved rural road.

Currently groups ride our roads several abreast, creating a one-lane wide, very slow traffic entity. This is unsafe for bicycles and cars on some of the very hilly side roads we have.

A one-metre rule such as this or a rule that cyclists in groups must ride in single file would welcomed by literally millions of drivers, and voters, in Ontario.

I urge readers to contact your local MPP, and Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca. Send them a message to also provide a rule such as this for the benefit of the motorists and cyclists.

Chuck Suikki

Stouffville

Harper's public policy

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper is excellent at photo ops and strategic electoral planning.

But on public policy, he's not so good.

A number of think tanks including conservative-oriented ones have reported that his income-splitting scheme will benefit better-off families much more than poor ones.

In Stephen Harper's notion of equality, some families are more equal than others.

While the maximum benefit will be capped at $2,000 per year, this measure is still targeted to better-off families.

Larry Kazdan

Vancouver, BC

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Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley, right, presents a certificate of congratulations to Cecile Washington on the first anniversary of her Washington House Salon in Lefroy on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Washington House Salon celebrates first anniversary

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

When Cecile Washington decided to open her own hair salon last year, after 10 years of working as a stylist for others, she chose the hamlet of Lefroy.

It was a growing community, not too far from her Bradford customers, and if there were doubters, Washington has proved them wrong.

Washington House Salon celebrated its first anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 1, a year that Cecile describes as "amazing. The community has been awesome!"

She and her staff — Cyndy Berg, Natalie Jennings and Robin Jones — had a huge following from Bradford but were also welcomed by the residents of Lefroy who appreciated the class, comfort and expertise offered by the salon, with its teal accent walls, crystal chandeliers, antique furnishings, and modern hairstyling stations.

Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley helped cut the ribbon at the grand opening in 2013, and returned to congratulate Cecile and her family on the past year of success. It was one of Baguley's last official appearances as mayor but wanted to personally present the Certificate of Congratulations from the town.

The first anniversary celebration included free refreshments, a magnificent cake in Washington House colours — teal, black and white — by Crumbs Bake Shoppe, and free draws.

Washington House Salon, located at 1311 Killarney Beach Rd. in Lefroy, is open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (closed on Sundays and Mondays).

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The Barrie Courthouse was the scene of a hearing before Drainage Referee, Robert Waters on Tuesday to hear arguments regarding the South Innisfil Creek Drain project.

Engineering nightmare costs $6.7M+

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

The South Innisfil Creek Drain was finally back before the Drainage Referee, Nov. 4 - after what had started as a routine request for maintenance of a municipal drain, 14 years ago, ballooned into an engineering nightmare with a price tag of $6.7 million, plus over $1 million in engineering costs.

With all costs to be assessed back to "benefiting landowners," the 750 property owners within the drainage area were looking at bills that ranged from hundreds, to hundreds of thousands of dollars each.

The request for maintenance originally came from marsh farmer Boris Hordynsky; when the Town of Innisfil failed to respond to his request, Horodynsky applied to the Drainage Referee. In 2006, Referee O'Brien ordered the Town to hire Dillon Consulting to complete an engineering study of the improvements needed, as specified in "Options 1 and 3" of a preliminary report, and then undertake the work.

Dillon's preliminary work had a price tag of about $2.9 million - but it took another 7 years before the engineers filed a "Final Report", and by then costs had more than doubled from the original estimate.

The Town received the Final Report on August 15, 2013, but refused to accept it, asking for more consultation on the part of Dillon. The Town also applied to the new Drainage Referee, for relief from the terms of the original Order.

On November 4, at the Barrie Courthouse, Drainage Referee Robert G. Waters heard representations from the Town of Innisfil, original applicant Boris Horodynsky - also opposed to the recommendations of Dillon Consulting, and the landowners, who have formed the "South Innisfil Creek Drain Committee," and who cited errors in the report, excessive scope, and costs that threaten to cause "undue hardship."

The Town's Legal Counsel, Valerie M'Garry asked Referee Waters to "untie" the hands of the engineer - allowing the engineer to look at other options than those specified by the original Referee, "not to be tied to the solutions that back in 2006 seemed appropriate." She also asked that the Referee "untie the hands of Council so they can refer it to an engineer, not necessarily Dillon."

Eric Gillespie, lawyer for the South Innisfil Creek Drain Committee agreed. "Things are a little different today, than they were almost a decade ago," he said, citing changes in land ownership, costs, and a "different level of support." Gillespie suggested that the Town's requests presented "an opportunity to look at all those variables, in an ordered way," and come up with an acceptable, updated, and less-costly solution.

Referee Waters agreed. In his decision handed down on Tuesday, he ruled that due to "unforeseen cost increases", the conditions of the original order are lifted and no longer binding. Instead, the Town of Innisfil is now ordered to retain the services of "a drainage engineer" to review the August 2013 report and "suggest alternatives including but not limited to improvements to alleviate flooding and options that may provide for phasing, maintenance and repair."

There was further relief for landowners. Based on an affidavit filed by Innisfil Director of Legal Services Jason Reynar, Waters agreed that $400,600 of the costs already incurred are to be paid out of the general municipal levy - rather than by the benefiting landowners. Only those costs directly related to drain maintenance will be assessed against the property owners.

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WILSON

Grits offer pot talk

IAN MCINROY
QMI Agency

Area residents are being asked what their thoughts are on the issues around marijuana.

The Barrie-Innisfil Federal Liberal Association is holding a non-partisan town hall event on Sunday, Nov. 30 to learn what constituents think of the medicinal marijuana industry and the marijuana debate as a whole.

"We want to find out what people in Barrie and Innisfil think about all of this," said Colin Wilson, who recently withdrew himself from the association's board after announcing he was seeking the nomination for the riding. A date for the nomination meeting has yet to be determined.

Topics to be discussed will include whether pot should be decriminalized or legalized, and whether there should be easier access to medicinal marijuana.

Wilson said guests from various sides of the pot debate will be speaking.

"We'll have a recreational user who is quite knowledgeable who is quite interested in seeing legalization happen. We've got a retired police officer who is opposed to any legalization and we've got a mother whose child is dealing with a disability where medicinal marijuana might help out," he said, of some of the invited speakers.

"I think we're going to guide the discussion a little bit based on the know-how the guests bring to the table and then we'll have some questions from the audience," he added. "The third section to the evening, people can just get up and speak to any of the issues. The floor is completely open."

Canadians are ready for a frank discussion about marijuana, Wilson said.

"There's a lot of hope that comes from the medicinal use for many different ailments and end-of-life issues as well to make patients comfortable, for example. So that's one issue," he said. "And there's the legalization, for recreational use. We spend up to a billion dollars annually in Canada to police that. Young kids are ending up with records that are affecting their employment. We're putting a damper on organized crime, for example, if we were to look at legalization.

"It's just time to open it up and have those discussions."

Wilson is hoping participants at the event put away their political stripes and discuss the issues.

"It's going to be a clean slate going into the evening. It's going to be helpful for our riding," he said. "It really needs to be non-partisan if you're really trying to get citizens' voices on the matter without all the political-strategic mudslinging.

"Town halls, in general, for political parties are a good thing, especially when the issues are hot-button issues and I think this is one of them."

The town hall will take place at The Terraces at Heritage Square, 92 Dean Ave. in Barrie from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Studio tour brings out art fans

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

The 22nd annual Innisfil Studio Tour, held on Nov. 1 and 2, sent visitors on a self-directed tour of 14 venues across Innisfil featuring works by 19 talented local artists and artisans.

Works by established artists ranged from the paintings of Lisa Rankin and sensitive coloured pencil works by Marcia Godbout (on display at Lisa's Palette gallery in Lefroy) to photographs by internationally-acclaimed photographer John Bartosik, weavings by Brenda Wauchope, jewellery by Cathy Elsner and Deeni De Medeiros, and the carvings of Howard Greenaway at his Innisfil Evergreen Wood Carving studio.

At Munro's Furnishings, three artists shared space in the entry area. Joanne Rich displayed her surprisingly sturdy paper 'light sculptures' — reeds bent into a free form and covered with three layers of hand-made paper — and Benitta Wilcox and her hand-knitted wearable art.

Ron Haist, chosen as one of 13 Toronto 'Wildlife Artists who Soar' in 2012, demonstrated pyrography: the art of drawing with heat. An artist and poet, for the past five years Haist has been fascinated by pyrography and by the relationship between the wild creatures he creates and the wood that serves as his canvas.

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Wildlife artist and pyrographer Ron Haist works on a picture of raccoons peeping from a hollow tree while he demonstrated his work at Munro's Furnishings.

"I love the wild," he said, and especially enjoys the detailed work, focusing on the eyes and using a single tone or colour to bring the animals to life. "To me, the most important thing is enjoyment," Haist says. "To bring to life a piece of wood: it's fun, a lot of fun!"

The tour also included the second annual Youth Art Show at the Knock Schoolhouse heritage site on the 9th Line of Innisfil.

The youth show featured 50 works by 38 emerging artists, all of them Innisfil students attending either Nantyr Shores Secondary School or Banting Memorial High School in Alliston. Hosted by the Innisfil Arts, Culture & Heritage Council (IACHC), which organized this year's studio tour, the juried Youth Art Show awarded prizes and recognized some of the best works.

Christina Fillipozzi, a student at Nantyr Shores, won third prize for her 'light' painting dubbed 'Audrey'. Second prize went to Ryan Croucher, also from Nantyr, for his painting 'Lone Planet'. Top place and a prize of $100 was presented to Kylie Zammit, a student at Banting Memorial, for her untitled contour drawing.

The Award of Excellence went to Carolyn Galganov, for her work, 'Informative Beauty', a gown made of newsprint.

The Innisfil Studio Tour was, in the words of an IACHC spokesperson, an "opportunity to meet the creators, and find out more about what inspires each and every one."

MIRIAM KING/INNISFIL EXAMINER

'Informative Beauty,' a gown made from newspapers by Carolyn Galganov, was at the Youth Art Show, held on Saturday and Sunday as part of the Innisfil Studio Tour. The work won Galganov the Award of Excellence at the Youth Show, held at the Knock Schoolhouse heritage centre.

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Christmas fair a success

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

The weather was perfect for the annual St. Peter's Anglican Church Christmas Fayre, a bazaar, bake sale and silent auction held in Churchill on Nov. 1.

There was a nip in the air and snow dusted the ground as Christmas carols played.

Visitors found hand-made crafts, used books, a jewellery table and a lunch room in the church hall with the silent auction, bake table and raffles being held upstairs in the sanctuary.

Visitors could buy a raffle ticket on a gingerbread house, or a hand-made quilt — which was won by John Smurthwaite — or purchase treasures culled from parishioners' closets and cupboards.

The annual event is a fundraiser for St. Peter's Anglican and a start to the Christmas bazaar season.

MIRIAM KING/INNISFIL EXAMINER

Among the many participants at the St. Peter's Anglican Church's annual Christmas Fayre Bazaar — held on Saturday, Nov. 1 in Churchill — were three generations of bakers and quilters. From right are Carol Smurthwaite, Davey Tanner and Brenda Tanner.

Evergreen bazaar

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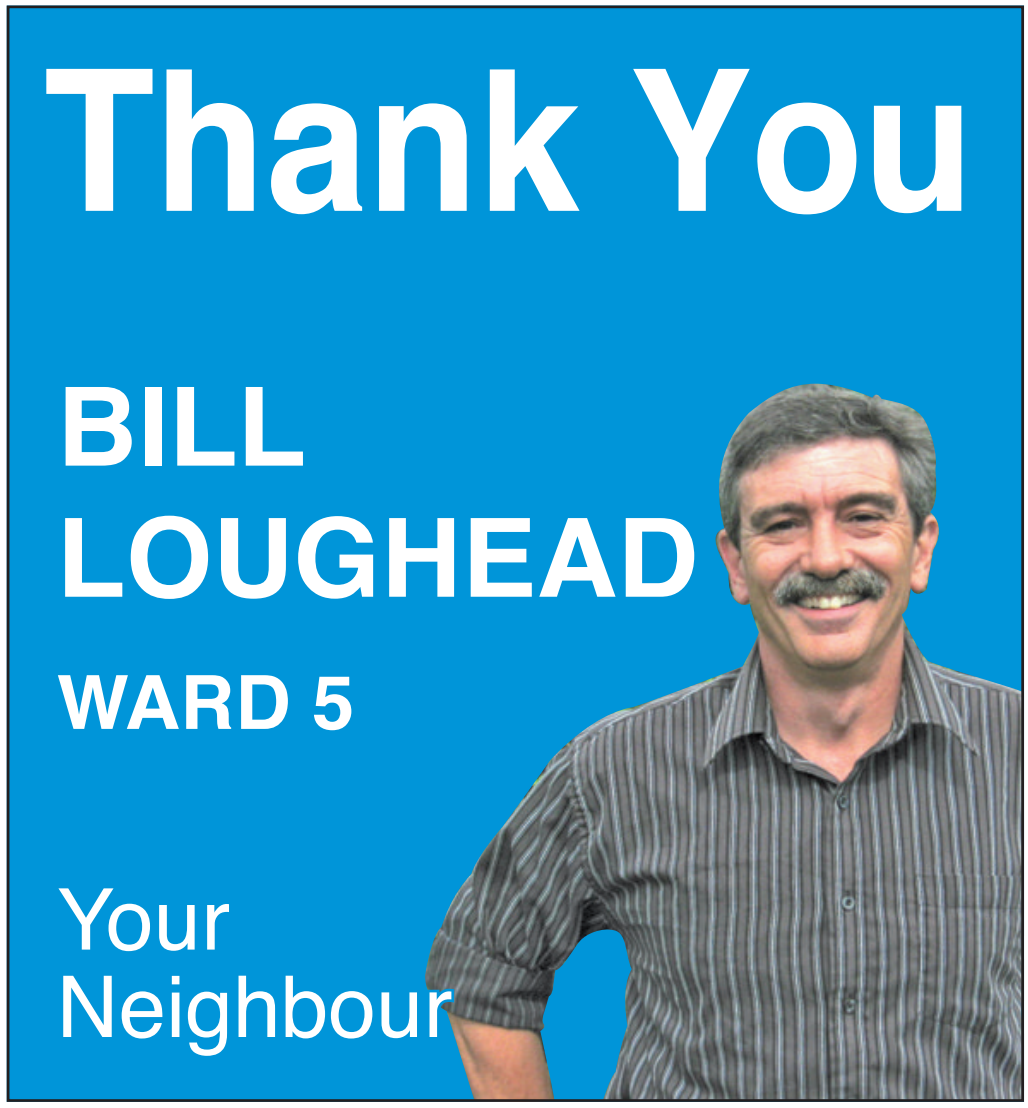
Lillian Gemmell, right, and Audrey Kirby sold home-baked treats at the annual St. James United Church Evergreen Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 1 in Stroud.



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NOV. 7 - NOV. 16

THEATRE: South Simcoe Theatre presents Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. Performances will be on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Based on the film Dirty Rotten Scoundrels written by Dale Launer and Stanley Shapiro & Paul Henning, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels centres on two con men living on the French Riviera. A hilarious battle of cons ensues that will keep audiences laughing, humming and guessing to the end! Visit.www.southsimcoetheatre.com for details.

NOV. 7 - 15

THEATRE: Talk is Free Theatre presents Vigil, a poignant dark comedy about an extended visit between Kemp, a lifelong misfit, and his bedridden elderly aunt. It's a journey through their relationship, filled with Kemp's relentless, matter-of-fact outrageousness - laugh and gasp at the same time. Evening and matinee shows run at the The Mady Centre. For tickets call the box office at 705-792-1949 for details.

NOV. 7

CARD PARTY: The Innisfil Eastern Star will host a card party on Friday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 2156 Victoria St. in Stroud. Games will include Bid Euchre and Progressive Euchre. The will be cash prizes and a lunch served. The cost of the evening is $7.. For information or tickets call 705-735-6131. Innisfil Eastern Star will be hosting additional card parties the first Friday of each month including Friday, Dec. 5, 2014 and Friday, Jan. 2, 2015.

BARRIEFOLK: BarrieFolk is happy to host RPR as part of their BarrieFolk for Folks concert series at the MacLaren Art Centre, 37 Mulcaster St., Barrie, at 8 p.m. They rocked the folk/roots music scene as the rhythm section of Tanglefoot, and now Rob Ritchie, Al Parrish and Steve Ritchie have re-connected as RPR along with percussionist Beaker Granger. RPR's debut CD is called Trans Atlantic. Tickets are $20 each, available at MacLaren or online at www.barriefolk.com. A portion of the proceeds from this show will go to the Barrie Brain Injury Association.

NOV. 8

CRAFT SHOW: The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre holds its annual Christmas Craft Show and Bazaar on Saturday, November 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Features crafts made by the Craft Room and wood-working shop, a White Elephant table, used book sale, baking and preserves - and a lunch room. All welcome, at 715 Simcoe Rd., Bradford.

DINNER: The Bradford Legion Branch 521 will be hosting a Remembrance Dinner on Saturday, November 8, with cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are only $15 per person, available at the Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Veterans of all ages are asked to call Sean Griffin, Veteran Services Officer, at 905-775-5025 for a special invitation.

LEARNING CODE DAY: Ladies Learning Code (LLC) Barrie is pleased to announce that National Girls Learning Code Day will be coming to Barrie on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Georgian College in the Sadlon Centre for Health, Room M118. The workshop is free for girls age eight to 13 and includes a special adult in their lives. Girls will have the opportunity to design and create their very own website and embrace technology in a social, fun and collaborative setting. For more information email jessica@ladieslearningcode.com, or call 705-791-2897

NOV. 9

PARADE: The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion Branch 547 holds its Remembrance Day Parade and Service on Sunday, November 9 - forming up on Arnold St. at 10:30 a.m. Parade begins at 10:45 a.m., proceeding down Ewart St. to Robinson St. and the Legion Hall, where there will be a ceremony and wreath-laying at the cenotaph.

PARADE: The Bradford Legion, Branch 521 holds its annual Remembrance Parade on Sunday, November 9. Form up at the TSC Store Plaza on Holland St. West in Bradford, at 12:30 p.m. The parade will begin at 1 p.m. sharp, marching down Holland St. to Bingham, and then to the Legion where there will be a Service and Wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph. There will also be a brief ceremony at the Cenotaph at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month - Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

TURKEY DINNER: Churchill United Church hosts a Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 9 at the Church on Yonge St. in Innisfil. First sitting is from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. There will be a second sitting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - and between servings, entertainment, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.! Tickets are $15 for adults, $7 for children 12 and under, and $40 for a family of 4 or more. For information, call Grace Browning, 705-456-2748 or Barry Rutledge, 705-456-5677.

NOV. 10

DANCE SERIES: The Barrie-Thornton Fiddle Club will continue its monthly dance series starting at 7 p.m. These dances are held the second Thursday of every month (September through June) at the Thornton Banquet Hall which is above the Thornton Arena. These dances provide an evening of fiddle, round dance and square dance music. Local musicians are able to entertain during the open mike portion. Others may listen and enjoy or dance and enjoy the evening's entertainment. Admission $5 per person. Ladies provide snacks. Tea, coffee, pop available at 75 cent each.

NOV. 11

CEREMONY: There will be a Community Remembrance Ceremony at 10:45 a.m. on November 11, at the Innisfil Cenotaph, located at the Innisfil Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Rd. All are welcome to attend. There will be a wreath-laying ceremony. "We invite the community to join us as we gather for Remembrance Services at Town Hall and several other locations in Innisfil," said Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley. "It's my hope that all residents will take a moment on Nov. 11 to pause and remember the bravery, loyalty, and above all, the selfless sacrifices of our veterans."

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NOV. 12

MEETING: The Alliston Historical Society will meet on Nov. 12, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Museum on the Boyne, 250 Fletcher Cres.,(Riverdale Park), Alliston. June Chambers will be speaking on heritage quilts. Everyone welcome.

NOV. 14, 15

BAKERY: Scandinavian Bazaar & Bakery in Cookstown! Special 10th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, Nov. 14 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m and Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon. Come enjoy the fresh baked Scandinavian goods, the candle-lit Christmas carol program, and our homemade crafts and gifts. Shop early for the best selection of Pulla (Cinnamon bread), Karelian rice pies, Gingerbread, various breads including sour rye bread, and so much more. Enjoy Friday night's dinner, a tasty Saturday morning brunch, or a treat from the candle-lit café. 5579 County Rd. 27, Cookstown (1km north of the lights).

NOV. 15

DINNER: The Innisfil Eastern Star Roast Beef Dinner takes place Saturday, November 15 at the Masonic Hall, 2156 Victoria St. in Stroud, at 6 p.m. Cost is $15 per person; for tickets please call 705-722-6275.

BAZAAR: Bradford United Church Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Includes outside vendors and artists, quilting, Bake Table, and a fabulous, hearty Luncheon, offering Soups, Chili, Sandwiches and Squares, for only $9.

BAZAAR: Innisfil hosts its annual Country Christmas Craft Bazaar from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This fun event features knitted and sewn items, Christmas décor, raffles, fish pond, baking, preserves, candy, gift baskets, jewellery, wood crafts, silent auction, penny table, lunch, and homemade Shepherd's Pies. There's lots for the youngsters, too, including photos with Santa with a choice of three backgrounds. Pick two jpeg files for $10 or three photo prints for $15. New this year is a children's shopping area where they can buy reasonably priced gifts for mom and dad – and have them gift-wrapped on the spot. St. Paul's is located at the corner of Yonge St. and Mapleview Dr. E., Barrie. Call 705-722-7755.

OLDIE GOLDIE REVUE: Hits of the '60s will take place at the Stroud Community Centre on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Flower Power will feature the songs of Petula Clark, The Shirelles, Dusty Springfield, The Crystals, Bee Gees, Elvis, Gerry and the Pacemakers, and more, performed live by local talent. Bar opens at 7:30 p.m., Show starts at 8:15 p.m. All proceeds to St. Peter's Anglican Church, in Churchill. For tickets, contact Deb at 705-456-2202 or Linda at 705-436-9769.

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Sandwich moms caught in the middle

There's a new class of people that is vital to the way families function.

This new class has been affectionately termed 'The Sandwich Moms'. They are sandwiched between raising their own children and taking care of their parents at the same time.

With extended life spans becoming the norm, and many elderly not adequately prepared for their extended lives, the burden of taking care of older and younger generations is left to the person that is often caught in the middle: The Sandwich Mom.

The fastest growing segment of our population, according to the US Census Bureau, is the centenarian (100 year olds).

It is estimated that between now and the year 2040, the centenarian population will grow by 746% while the remaining population will grow by 35%. That is a lot of elderly people. Someone has to take care of these people who were blindsided by their extended life and deteriorated into old age. The Sandwich Mom has been called to the task.

On the other side of the responsibility coin are Sandwich Mom's children.

Fifty percent of the children born after 2000 are predicted to live 100 years while the other 50% are predicted to live shorter lives than their parents. Which side of this 50% that the children end up on, and the quality of life that they live, will be determined in large part by the way the Sandwich Mom cares for her kids and the health values she teaches her family.

So, who is going to take care of Sandwich Mom as she cares for multiple generations?

Sandwich Mom must take care of herself! Knowing that she is vital to the raising of her children and caretaking of her parents, Sandwich Mom needs to make sure that she is well. How can she do this?

Certainly healthy lifestyle choices such as a positive attitude, healthy eating and exercise must become a top priority. It also means Sandwich Mom must take care of herself and assure that her body's main coordinating system, the nerve system, is working well and unobstructed by spinal distortions which can negatively affect nerve function, increase stress and cause all types of health problems.

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To make Sandwich Mom's job easier, the entire family (children, dads and parents) should be checked regularly for vertebral subluxations and health values should become the top priority for all.

Taking care of others is a tremendous responsibility for the Sandwich Mom. Taking care of herself is essential for all generations to thrive in this age of extended life spans. While she is caught in the middle, she is the standout in family health care.

Are you a Sandwich Mom? Do you know one?

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Innisfil residents are invited to attend the annual Community Remembrance Day Service at Town Hall.

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 10:45 am in front of the Town Cenotaph, located at Innisfil Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil.

The annual Remembrance Day Service provides an opportunity for all Innisfil residents to honour the role that Innisfil citizens have played in protecting and preserving Canada's freedoms in times of war, military conflict and peace. The event is being organized through the hard work of the Innisfil Remembrance Day Committee.

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Vicky Urwin signed up for the War effort in 1942, in the Canadian Women's Army Corps. "I said I was 19," she confesses. "I was 16." She served in Montreal, still too young to go overseas.

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Lance Cpl. (Ret.) Ken Coston served in the Artillery for 5 years, from 1941 to 1946 - one of the veterans of World War II who was honoured at the annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner, held by the Innisfil Lions Club in Alcona on Tuesday.

Veterans dinner designed as a 'thank-you'

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Last year, the Innisfil Lions Club held its first-ever "Veterans' Dinner" - a sit-down dinner designed as a "thank-you" to local veterans and their spouses, for their years of service to their country.

The evening was such a success - "These guys seem to enjoy it so much," said chair Bill Paul - that the Lions decided to make the Dinner an annual event, at their Hall in Alcona.

This year's dinner took place November 4, and approximately 65 Lions and Lioness Club members, veterans and spouses came out for a dinner of Roast Beef and all the trimmings, and an opportunity to share memories, and reminisce.

Chief Warrant Officer (Ret.) Omer Levasseur, who served in the Navy for 33 years, was accompanied by his wife of 8 years, Bernice. There was a romance to share: Omer and Bernice had played together as children in Manitoba - she, the youngest daughter of 14 children; he, a middle child of 10 - but were separated by World War II.

"I joined the Navy, she joined the war effort, and we didn't meet for 65 years," he says. It was only when

Bernice saw the Notice printed in a Manitoba paper on the death of Omer's first wife, that she sent a card of condolence, and the acquaintance was renewed. They were married 8 years ago - when they were both 88.

Vicky Urwin served with the Canadian Women's Army Corps, during World War 2, signing up in 1942.

"I said I was 19, when I was 16," Urwin laughs. "My twin sister was 16 going on 19, too." Still, women had to be 21 to go overseas, which meant that she spent her years of service in Montreal.

Urwin was simply maintaining a family tradition, by enlisting. "My father was in the first World War," a proud veteran of the Battle of Mons.

There were roses for the ladies, and for the men, a glass stein, inscribed with "2014 Veterans' Appreciation Dinner", as a souvenir. In fact, Paul said, the Lions had only one regret: "We should have started this 20 years ago."

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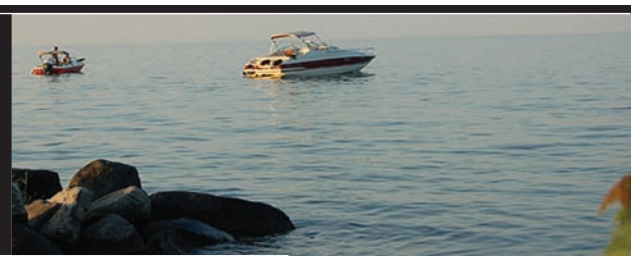

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Steeples owner Gayle Catania, right, and Brenda Russell take at the Churchill store's Christmas Open House and Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, Nov. 1. It was filled with wonderful gift items, decor and gourmet treats.

Open House and Appreciation Day at two local businesses

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

The first weekend in November was not only the date of the annual Innisfil Studio Tour, but also a Christmas Open House and Customer Appreciation Day at two of Innisfil's favourite gift shops.

Both Yours Truly Country Store, located on Yonge St. in Fennell's Corners, and Steeples Decor, located in Churchill, welcomed shoppers with Christmas cheer, and a wide range of gift and decorating ideas for the holidays.

At Yours Truly Country Store, owner Sharon Smith offered hot apple cider, along with a selection of illuminated canvases on Christmas themes, candles, weavings, decorator items, rag rugs, antique and hand-made furniture, and gourmet treats, from K-cups to Manitoulin Island jams and preserves, and Everything Maple & More sauces and dips.

At Steeples, owner Gayle Catania served up cider, gourmet jams and cream cheese, and offered a wide array of decorations, gifts, place settings and centrepieces.

Perhaps it was the Christmas music playing softly in the background, or maybe it was the dusting of snow outside, but shoppers seemed to be in a holiday spirit. "It's been an amazing day," said Catania.

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Sharon Smith, owner of Yours Truly Country Store in Fennell's Corners, welcomes shoppers to a Christmas Open House and Customer Appreciation day on Saturday, Nov. 1 with a cup of hot apple cider.

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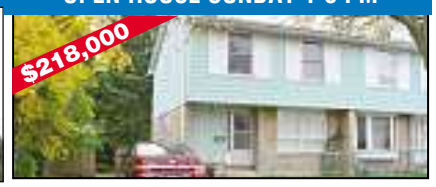

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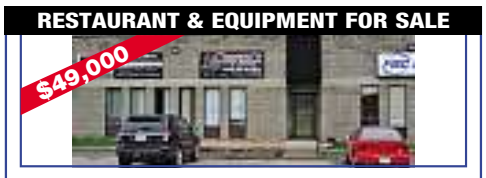

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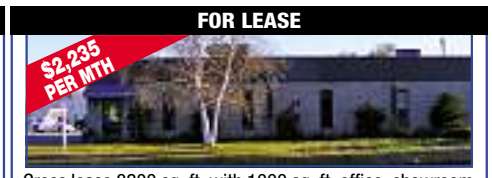

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(NC) There are a few items you can find in a Canadian home during the winter months; a sled, winter gear for the whole family and the dreaded smelly hockey gear. We have come to accept certain odours of indoor living but did you know there are easy solutions that will keep your home smelling fresh.

Start by identifying any unwanted odour. This is especially important during the winter months when most days are spent inside away from the cold. To reduce the smell move the source if possible, to a less frequented room like the basement or mudroom. Opening windows throughout the home a least once a week will help significantly and will deliver a nice fresh scent. Even small changes like lighting a candle can help reduce household odours for a while.

If you would like a long-term reliable solution look into an air purifier that will also produce a pleasant scent. For example, the Febreze Air Purifier features a HEPA-Type filter and a fresh Febreze scent that is added to the filtered air. Ask for the purifier at Canadian Tire and Home Hardware.

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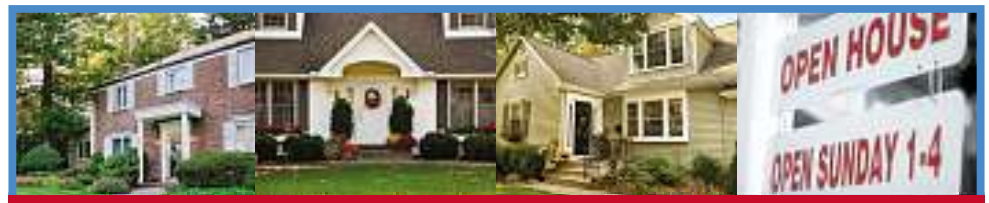

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To ensure that you are remembered for your entertaining skills and not a smelly home, here are a few simple tricks:

1. Open a couple of windows in the house at least once a week. The cool, fresh air will help dissipate the stale air throughout the home and just 10 minutes can go a long way.

2. Regular surface cleaning will help remove allergens and keep these particles from becoming airborne again.

3. Try an air purifier like the Honeywell Air Genius – available at Canadian Tire and Home Hardware. This will provide 99.9 per cent air filtration as well as allergen and odour reduction.

4. Find products that give you long-term solutions throughout the year like the Febreze Air Purifiers that releases scent while purifying the air.

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Create the ultimate man cave: tips on how to build your very own man-friendly space

(NC) Today, every member of the household is seeking a retreat of their own. Mom has the ultimate in pampering with her deep Jacuzzi tub with scented candles. The young son may have an arcade room, where a flat screen sits proudly mounted on the wall. But what about Dad?

"Creating a 'man cave' is such a fun way to give a nod to Dad and offer him a tailored room for personal space," says Sally Morse, director of creative services at leading window treatment company Hunter Douglas. Below, Morse offers tips on how to build the ultimate private man cave.

Fashion and Function

Don't overwhelm the space with too many bells and whistles – the inspiration is, after all, a cave, the most basic of dwellings. "Try to make every piece go double duty, like a luxe-looking card table that also works for drinks and snacking," Morse advises.

Playful Accents

"I like to always ask about favorite childhood memories or hobbies that evoke a feeling of comfort, and brainstorm ideas from there," Morse says. If your man spent his summer breaks sailing the seas, for example, try a ship-shaped chandelier.

The "T" Factor

From James Bond's luxurious hideaways to Batman's dark lair, a common theme occurs: technology. "Home automation systems are always impressive and fun," Morse notes. "They also make living in any space seamless and easy."

The Hunter Douglas Platinum App, for example, can be integrated into existing systems or be used on its own for a taste of home automation at a fraction of the cost. The app allows mobile device users to adjust their window treatments with the tap of a finger. Move all the Hunter Douglas window dressings in the home at once or by room, at the same time or one shade at a time, and by "scenes" you can pre-set, such as "movie night." You can even activate the timer feature to set the shades in motion while you're away. Morse also recommends Hunter Douglas Designer Roller Shades with the Blockout System that eliminates light gaps for complete room darkening and privacy.

With these handy tips, spend less time creating and more time enjoying your man cave.

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(NC) Few things are as taxing as hosting a large group and with the added pressure of the holidays, things can derail fairly quickly. Stop, take a deep breath, and follow this simple guideline to holiday entertaining that is certain to be merry and bright:

• Set a budget: It's easy to get spendy when everyone will be scrutinizing the details of your event, but make sure to set a realistic limit. If you plan early enough, there are many DIY projects to spruce up the décor in your house and to inject a holiday spirit without breaking the bank. Head to Pinterest for inspiration and your local dollar store for supplies. Whatever your budget, you can throw a great party.

• Make a guest list and check it twice: Who you invite to break bread with is pretty essential to a successful event. Don't feel that you have to invite everyone and their friends in order to be a good host. It's harder not to invite your crazy Aunt Evelyn, but you can probably skip the gossipy co-worker.

• Fill their plates: Whether you're having it catered or tackling the job yourself, the holidays are really a time for old favourites, but don't be afraid to throw in a contemporary spin. Just don't try a new recipe the day of the party. Test the food out on your family to avoid serving 50 collapsed soufflés. And make it easy on yourself by only serving nibbles. People love to graze, it's easier to make the dishes ahead of time and this gives you the opportunity to offer a lot of variety to a group of diverse eaters.

• Set the mood: Don't forget an essential element to holiday entertaining: music. The tunes at any event really help to set the ambience, but with everything else that you're doing, don't add the time-consuming task of building a perfect mix. “Make it easy on yourself,” says SiriusXM Canada. They advise to simply use your computer or mobile device to access commercial-free holiday music to suit every taste through SiriusXM Internet Radio. From Christmas classics to Hanukkah favourites, keep the party going with hits from the past, current club anthems, or traditional holiday tunes. You can listen free for a limited time at www.siriusxm.ca.

• When it's all done: Make sure all your guests have a safe ride home by having a few cabs pre-ordered. Surprise them with an adult “goodie bag” to take along, which may include water bottles, ibuprofen, a recipe for a “hair of the dog” cocktail, and anything that shows you care. Get creative.

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Impress your guests this holiday season... secrets for every room of the house

(NC) You've been decorating your home for the holidays for years. Why not do something different this time around? "With a little ingenuity, you can turn your house into a wonderland that not only is reflective of the season, but of your personality," says Sally Morse, director of creative services for Hunter Douglas, a leading name in Canadian window treatments.

Begin with the basics

What counts most in any room, says interior designer Alexa Hampton, are balance, colour, contrast and proportion:

• If you put a big tree at one end of the living room, be sure the other end features something equally "heavy"; a garland wrapped around the stair rail or draped over a large mirror.

• If walls are white or ivory, use deep purple and red accents. Bright pillar candles in glass cloches on the hallway table work well. White-on-white displays offer a casually elegant ambience, e.g. white hydrangeas interspersed with a few lemons.

• If the front door is extremely tall or wide, mount two wreaths instead of one.

Choose your colours

It's not written in stone that you must employ red and green for the holidays. Maybe you love pinks and yellows, rich jewel tones like garnet and sapphire, or crisp black-and-white.

Wreaths look lovely beribboned in nearly any colour, from hot pink to cool citrus. Trees can be monochromatically decorated with one colour as well as a rainbow of hues, and centerpieces composed of silver bowls overflowing with Granny Smith apples or clementines are exceptionally eye-catching.

Something for every room in the house

No mantel? No problem. There's something you can do to make every room festive... without going overboard.

• Replace the hallway runner with something in tune with the holidays, perhaps a dark tartan or free-form line pattern done in gold on black. Change the shades in one or more of the rooms; it's as transformative as new wall colour. As wintertime is fast-approaching, look for treatments that offer optimal energy efficiency, like highly insulating Hunter Douglas Duette Architella Trielle honeycomb shades. They can help reduce heat loss at the window by up to 45 percent.

• Have the kids cut out snowflakes from construction paper in white or a colour that coordinates with their bedrooms. Tie on various lengths of ribbons in the colour of their choice and then affix to the ceiling.

• Don't forget the bathroom, especially the one used by guests. A bowl of lavender plus a sprig of it tied to the shower head look special and adds a delicious scent.

• Drape glittering tinsel around dining chairs and add a smattering of silver stars and bells at the back for pizzazz. Or wrap them with ribbon, a tree ornament or name card tied at the back with a bow.

"Plan ahead," says Morse, "testing some of the concepts described here to see if they're right for your home and family. Doing that not only will guarantee a more joyous celebration for all, but provide a lot of fun for everyone right now."

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Home safety guide for Snowbirds

(NC) When Snowbirds finally make their way down south for their annual vacation away from our brutal Canadian winters the last thing they need to worry about is the safety of their home.

According to Patrice De Luca, vice president of Marketing and Customer Care for Reliance Protectron Security Services, there are several key steps Snowbirds should take to ensure peace of mind when away from home. The following Protectron home safety tips for snowbirds can help you plan important safety measures before your departure: - Suspend your newspaper and mail delivery; or have a neighbour collect them for you.

- Make sure your home looks lived in. Try not to draw the window treatments in every window leave it looking somewhat natural.

- Have someone routinely shovel the walk, clear your car off if it snows, or park their car in your driveway if you're taking yours.

- Don't forget garbage collection day. Ask a neighbour to put a bag of garbage at your curb on garbage day so not to tip off burglars.

- Set your lights on timers, in various rooms. With some timers, the lights go on and off at different times each day, which means a burglar can't pick up on a pattern.

- Look into installing motion sensor lights outside to help deter a burglar. Consider installing them in front and back.

- Ensure that all your doors and windows are locked and secure. Don't forget about the garage, make sure the door is secure. For additional security, place a bar or stick of wood in the lower track of your sliding doors or windows.

- Turn off the water-main and unplug the major appliances as an added precaution.

- Inform a neighbor when you're leaving and returning, and ask them to keep an eye out for anything suspicious. Leave them a phone number where you can be reached, and a spare set of your keys in case of an emergency.

- Consider investing in a home security system as it's a very effective deterrent. A home protected by a monitored security system with visible decals and signs is less susceptible to a break in than one without a system. Make sure your security system includes a loud inside alarm, detectors at all exterior doors, and motion sensors in the master bedroom and main living areas. The alarm system is linked to a remote monitoring centre that protects your home 24 hours a day against burglars, fire, carbon monoxide poisoning and floods by supervising the temperature, electrical system and point of entries of your home.

For ultimate control and peace of mind while you're away, De Luca recommends you look into the new fully interactive wireless security systems like Go!Control where you can arm and disarm your alarm, lock or unlock your front door, control lights and your home's thermostat at the touch of your smartphone or tablet. You could even have video monitoring and receive alerts to view the comings and goings of cleaning staff or house sitters. More information on protecting your home while you're away is available online at www.protectron.com.

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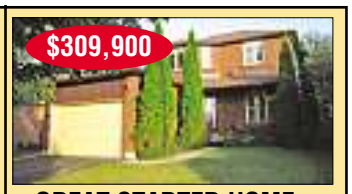

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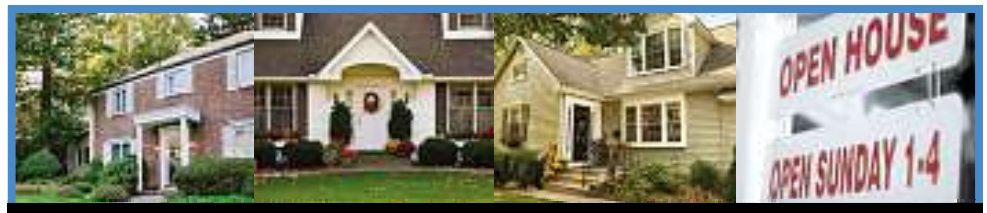

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Quick creative tips for holiday decorating

(NC) Are you looking to put a new twist on your usual holiday décor? This year, you can do it without breaking the bank. Specialists on this topic from The Home Depot Canada offer a few do-it-yourself design tips for inside and out.

Be Innovative Indoors

Get creative with ornaments. Instead of just using ornaments on a tree, create a hanging display in your windows for all to enjoy. Alternatively place ornaments in a vase or under a cake dome to create a gorgeous display that can be used as a table centrepiece.

Bring the outdoors in with battery-lit birch candles in a selection of sizes. Consider arranging the candles on mirrored tiles with decorative floral sprays and colourful ornaments to create dimension.

Dress up your mantel. Tap into the Canadian trend by using sparkly pinecones, dried twigs, burlap, evergreen branches and festive ribbon. Accent the scene with festive deer statues found in the Martha Stewart Living collection.

Get Creative Outdoors

Wreaths are a seasonal front-door fixture. This year, shake it up. Be daring and hang two or three wreaths in a pattern.

Containers are another great way to charm holiday guests. Beyond evergreen boughs, experiment with strips of birch or dogwood. Consider spray-painting the containers to suit your chosen colour scheme. Punctuate your arrangements with vibrant-coloured oversized ornaments. Balls of twigs, wrapped with strings of outdoor lights, can also be incorporated to create a twinkly effect.

Remember the patio. Delight dinner guests with a captivating scene within the sight line of the dining room. Try echoing outside the candlelight on your dinner table by scattering festive solar stake lights across the yard or frame your deck with twinkling rope lighting.

Additional inspiration, is available online at www.homedepot.ca.

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Fix your indoor humidity blues

(NC) It's a beautiful winter morning but as you open the blinds it becomes apparent that the window is perspiring generously. The first impulse is to turn down the humidifier on the furnace, but that barely improves the situation.

There are, however, many options to get the comfort level needed – and your decisions will be based on several factors. For instance, installing windows that have a high condensation resistance may manage the window weeping conundrum.

Or, could the issue be in the heart and lungs of your home?

If so, another option to combat window condensation is through the home's ventilation system. Installing a dual purpose solution such as a heat recovery ventilator (HRV) could also be the answer. These systems supply continuous fresh air from the outside into your house. They also act as dehumidifiers in the colder months – exhausting excess humid air out of your home and replenishing it with dry outdoor air. Depending on the degree of indoor humidity, they can provide an adequate solution during this time.

Tackling humidity is important. In addition to causing discomfort and compromising your health, high humidity can lead to mold and mildew and could create environments loved by moths, fleas and dust mites.

Homeowners need to examine their specific requirements to figure out the most effective, sensible, and cost efficient approach to the best ventilation practices. Contact a qualified contractor online by using the locator at www.hrai.ca/contractorlocator.php.

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Would you like to build a disaster-resilient house?

(NC) The icy winds from last year's Polar Vortex are back in mind again as we head towards winter. The plummeting temperatures are one thing, but of more concern is the destruction that these extreme weather events can bring, including winds that last year gusted up to 100 kilometres per hour, threatening our personal safety, as well as the very foundation of our homes.

The building industry does have a proven solution however.

For more than a decade now, construction technology has given us the energy-saving option to replace standard wood framing with an interlocking concrete system known as ICFs, or insulated concrete forms.

"ICFs lock together, a bit like Lego, to deliver walls that are disaster-resilient to storm winds as high as 402 kilometers per hour," says Todd Blyth at Nudura, a leading name in this field. "As compared to wood, concrete walls are also a lot more fire-resistant with a 4-hour fire-protection factor—and the superior insulation property of the building envelope gives homeowners up to 70 per cent savings on energy bills. This is due to vastly reduced air infiltration and to the thermal mass of the concrete, allowing energy-efficiency ratings as high as R-50, compared to an average R20 in wood structures. You can also add optional inserts to the ICF forms to improve this efficiency even more."

Specifically, the walls are constructed with pre-assembled, interlocking units so they're easily transported to any building site. Each form consists of two panels of thick foam (expanded polystyrene) connected with a patented web system. Guided by the architectural design and beauty aspects you want, the ICFs are stacked, steel reinforced, and filled with concrete until the entire building envelope is complete.

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Occupant comfort

Who would have thought that concrete was comfortable? For example, even with less energy use, the indoor temperature is more easily controlled. In a standard wood-framed home, outside drafts often travel right through the walls creating chilly spots in various rooms. This is eliminated in a house with a solid concrete core.

"Superior sound-proofing is another bonus of the ICF system," Blyth continues, "and if comfort is equated to peace-of-mind, why not add 'investment security' to the list? It is generally expected that a stronger, safer, greener home – and one that is more durable, more cost efficient, and needs less maintenance and repair – will steadily increase in resale value."

Additional information for you and your builder is available online at www.nudura.com.

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Prepare your winter tools for action

(NC) It's time to gear up for the inevitable.

"There's nothing worse than heading out to tackle the first snowfall and finding that your tools aren't properly prepared," says Michelle Sordi, director of marketing at Husqvarna Canada, a worldwide leader in outdoor power products. "By following a few simple steps, you can ensure that you're ready to go once the weather turns."

Here are Sordi's recommendations for efficient snow removal:

• Fill it up: Ensure that you drain any remaining fuel from the previous season and fill up your machine with fresh gasoline.

• Change your oil: Just like in your car, the oil in your winter tools needs changing. Change the oil in your machine to ensure an easy and smooth start in the cold weather.

• Test the spark plugs: Starting your power tools will be easier if your spark plugs are in good condition. When in doubt, replace them. A new spark plug will better ignite the fuel mixture, making it easier to start.

• Check the blades: Before each season, check the blades of your snow thrower for wear and tear. The blades may have worn down if you have had your machine for a long time, in which case you can have them replaced at a dealer that specializes in these power tools, like Husqvarna.

• Check the tires: Flat tires will not get the job done. Check the tires and pump them up if necessary.

• Get it started: After you have checked all of its parts, give your machine a start before the snow hits to make sure everything is running smoothly. This way you can take it to a dealer and get it serviced beforehand, ensuring that everything is running smoothly come that first snowfall.

Additional information, tips and locations of local pros in this field are available online at www.husqvarna.ca.

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How to create a happy homemade holiday

(NC) One of the best ways to kick off the holiday season is to decorate. And while it's easy to load your cart with beautiful décor from your favourite store, Christmas is more personal when decorations are homemade.

No time you say? Between planning dinners for the family and throwing cocktail parties for friends, it can be overwhelming. But it is possible to survive it (and enjoy it!) by keeping everything simple. This season, let your creative instincts shine through as you watch your mantels, stairwells, and tables come to holiday life, with ideas like these:

Create a magical mantle

For most families, the living room is the place where everyone convenes. It's where gifts are exchanged, holiday movies are enjoyed and stories are shared gathered by the fireplace—a major focal point in the room. Give this cozy centrepiece a warm new look by creating a decorative display for your mantel.

Draping a festive garland is one way to achieve a distinctive display. Do-it-yourself banners and garland have become increasingly popular as a great way to personalize your décor.

Start with a heavy fabric, like burlap or the kind used for upholstery, and cut enough pennants for your favourite holiday saying, like “Let it Snow.” Then using a snowflake stencil, spray paint the pattern with a silver colour. Krylon 'metallic brilliant silver, for example, works very well on fabric. Spray paint chipboard letters in a bright white. Once everything dries, spell out your message, one letter per pennant, and adhere the letters. Adorn the banner with plastic snowflakes and holly sprigs to finalize the festive look.

Trim a tree like a pro

The Christmas tree is another major focal point in your living room during the holidays. If you're tired of the same old display year after year, give the tree a fresh look by changing up the ornaments and adding a theme.

Start by choosing a specific colour scheme, such as red and gold. Don't have enough decorations to match your new theme? It's easy and affordable to create your own by using items already around the house. For example, use bulbs from an old string of lights to create a whimsical decoration. Remove two bulbs from the strand and spritz the inside of the bulb with Krylon's Color-Master spray paint in 'cherry red'. Roll the bulb around to distribute the paint for a beautiful translucent look. Add a little glitz with 'glitter spray' to the outside of the bulb for a festive look, and top off with your favourite embellishments like ribbon or bells. You can even spray paint old ornaments so they fit into your new colour scheme.

Once your new décor is complete, hang ornaments and lights on your tree before displaying it for the whole family to enjoy.

Add elegant table toppers

If you are hosting get-togethers for family and friends t, add a sparkle to your table. Not sure where to start? First, choose two or three colours. Select a table cloth, table runner or placemats in your colour scheme and consider the arrangement for the middle of the table. Try replacing the traditional red and green with gold and silver accessories—candles, napkin rings, small figures in the plates and other decorative accents. Include candles so the flickering flames can create a warm atmosphere. Even casually scattered pine cones, fir branches, red roses or poinsettias will add a special touch on the table.

It's easy to make your fine china the highlight of the dinner; but this time, try making your placemats the conversation starter by utilizing antique sheet music – which can be found at old book stores or simply printed at home. These sheets will make for a chic and unconventional base for any place setting.

Remember, it doesn't have to be a stressful time of year, with a little effort and creativity you can turn take your holiday décor from ho-hum to homey in no time.

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165 Mill St., Hawkestone – $149,000. Beautiful ravine, creek setting adjacent to Hawkestone yacht club – Just over 5 acres – minutes to Barrie & Orillia

2501 Lakeshore Road, Oro-Medonte – $299,000. – 10 acre parcel – walk to Lake Simcoe – Great location between Barrie & Orillia – Hobby farm potential

5 Valleycrest Drive, Horseshoe – $64,900. Live the Lifestyle – Fabulous views over Horseshoe Valley from this unique building lot – Area of executive homes!

Community in Pictures

Getting in the spirit

MIRIAM KING/INNISFIL EXAMINER

Alcona Glen Public School held a Halloween Danceathon and Costume Parade on Friday, Oct. 31. It included about 200 junior and senior kindergarten kids in eight classes parading through the halls dressed as everything from princesses to witches, Ninja Turtles, a Mario Brother, vampires, and little superheroes. The halls were lined with the big kids in grades 2 and 3 as the kindergarten kids marched past. This year, the dance-athon was a fundraiser for enhancements to the school yard and Principal Senora Baldry, resplendent in orange and black, led the way onto the dance floor, where kids could compete for prizes, enjoy snacks and dance the Monster Mash.

Superheroes and princesses parade through the halls.

Kindergarten kids at Alcona Glen Public School dressed up for a Halloween Dance-athon.

A classy witch.

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Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

Community Bulletin

NOVEMBER 7, 2014

Council Meetings

Wednesday, November 12, 2014
- **7 – 9 p.m. Special Council Meeting**

Council Business – 3 Items
Council Appreciation Event – all are welcome.

Wednesday, December 3, 2014
- **7:15 pm - Inaugural Council Meeting**

Board/Committee Meetings

Farmers' Market Vendor Committee
November 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.. Innisfil Town Hall, Meeting Room 2

Economic Development Advisory Committee
November 13, 2014 at 1 p.m., Innisfil Town Hall, Community Rooms

Committee of Adjustment
November 13, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., Innisfil Town Hall, Council Chambers

Library Board Meeting
November 17, 2014 at 7 p.m. idea LAB 873 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil

Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board
November 17, 2014 at 7 p.m., Innisfil Town Hall, Community Rooms

Innisfil Accessibility Advisory Committee
November 18, 2014 at 1 p.m., Innisfil Town Hall, Community Rooms

Community Health Committee
November 20, 2014 at 1:30 p.m., Innisfil Town Hall, Community Rooms

Meetings subject to change. Please visit the Town's website to view the most updated listing.

Networking Opportunity

Business, Government Services and You

Canada Business – Ontario, Nottawasaga Futures and the Town of Innisfil would like to invite any interested businesses to attend "Business, Government Services and You" on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 from 8 a.m. to noon at Innisfil's Town Hall (2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil, Ontario). This is a unique opportunity where businesses will have the opportunity to network with representatives from various federal, provincial and municipal government organizations and learn how these organizations can assist with:

- Finding resources for business planning, financing, R&D, taxes, etc.;
- Helping with exporting and importing; and
- Learning about how to sell your goods and services to the government.

If you are interested in attending, please register at www.cbo-eco.ca or 1-877-553-5507.

Remembrance Day Service

Volunteers Needed

ARE YOU LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY? WHY NOT CONSIDER PARTICIPATING ON A COMMITTEE? THE TOWN OF INNISFIL IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

INNISFIL MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE
The Innisfil Heritage Committee is an Advisory Committee to Council constituted to make recommendations on matters relating to the Ontario Heritage Act, including the preservation, conservation and restoration of buildings in the Town of Innisfil that are historically, culturally or architecturally significant to the community. We are seeking seven (7) members including one (1) or two (2) representatives from the Innisfil Historical Society and one (1) representative from Heritage Preservation South Simcoe. The term is concurrent with the Term of Council (2014-2018).

INNISFIL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Seeking a minimum of five (5) members. Term of appointment is concurrent with term of Council(2014-2018). This is an Advisory Committee of Council who makes recommendations on matters related to the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*. We are seeking citizens who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for all persons with disabilities by promoting equal opportunity and a barrier-free community.

INNISFIL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Seeking seven (7) members for this Board. Term of appointment is concurrent with the Term of Council (2014-2018). Board members must be a Canadian citizen and a resident of the municipality. Members may not be employed by the Library or by the Municipality. As a Board member, you will be responsible for adoption of policies that govern the operation and programs of the library as well as establishing goals and being an advocate for library services.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
Seeking five (5) members. Term of appointment shall be concurrent with the Term of Council (2014-2018). A per diem is paid to Committee of Adjustment Members. The purpose of this committee is to consider Minor Variances to the Town's zoning by-law and grant consent approval for the Severance of land. Members may be required to review other matters related to Community focused Town of Innisfil by-laws including fencing, signage and property standards. It is expected that meetings will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month

AUDIT COMMITTEE
Seeking two (2) members. Term of appointment is concurrent with the Term of Council (2014-2018). This is an Advisory Committee to Council that assists with the review of the administrative systems regarding financial, accounting, reporting, internal controls, safeguarding of corporate assets, compliance with legal, ethical and regulatory requirements and the efficient and effective use of resources. Members must be a qualified elector of Innisfil, have relevant experience and be able to attend daytime meetings.

INNISFIL COMMUNITY GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE
Membership terms are staggered with varying terms of appointment. Currently seeking one (1) member for a two year term (2015-2017). The purpose of this Committee is to review and approve requests for funding through the Inspiring Innisfil Grant Fund in accordance with the Innisfil Community Grant Application Guidelines. Meetings will coincide with bi-annual grant intakes and additionally, as required. Off-site meetings may also be required to attend events and organizations which have received funding.

INNISFIL COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE
Membership for this committee will be sought as required during the Term of Council (2014-2018), as activities are undertaken.

REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMITTEE
The Innisfil Remembrance Day Committee is a Town Committee established for the purpose of coordinating Remembrance Day Ceremonies for the community of Innisfil. Committee members help to plan and organize the annual Service and assist with the promotion and awareness of the event to encourage a community-wide approach to Remembrance Day activities. We are seeking a minimum of five (5) volunteers from the Community, which may include one (1) representative from the various service clubs and other associations located within Innisfil

If you are interested in applying for any of the above Committees, please provide a letter expressing your interest along with a brief resume to the Town Clerk by Friday, November 21, 2014. Clearly mark the envelope "Application for (name of Committee/Board you are applying for)".

Karen Fraser, Acting Clerk
2101 Innisfil Beach Road
Innisfil, Ontario, L9S 1A1

2010-2014 Council Appreciation

Join us! Council Appreciation Event & Special Council Meeting 7-9 pm on Wednesday, November 12

Winter Parking Reminder

Reminder: Winter Parking Restrictions in Effect Starting November 1, 2014

During the winter season no parking is allowed on town streets between the hours of 3 a.m. and 6 a.m., starting November 1, 2014 and continuing until May 1, 2015.

Keeping the town streets clear of vehicles during this period gives the Town's road maintenance crews better access to the roadways and will allow large emergency vehicles to easily travel on the streets.

Any vehicle found parked between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m., blocking the removal of ice and snow, parked over sidewalks or town boulevards, may be ticketed and or towed under the Town of Innisfil Parking By-law.

If you have any questions about the winter parking restrictions, please contact Customer Services at 705-436-3710.

Dog Park Now Open